



# CONTACT

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## Ft. Wayne Unit Holds Holy Hour

At St. Patrick's Church in Ft. Wayne, the Fort Wayne Chapter of the St. Joseph's Alumni Association met Dec. 13 to conduct a Holy Hour for peace. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. L. Monahan conducted the Holy Hour; the Rev. Joseph J. Hennes was celebrant of the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

A meeting of the association was held in St. Patrick's Lyceum following the services. A committee, headed by the Rev. Gilbert Wirtz, assisted by the Revs. Louis Duray and Joseph Hennes, and Messrs. Jerry Cook and Edward Ernst, was appointed to cooperate with Mr. Gunner Eliot in promoting a basketball game between St. Joseph's College and Great Lakes Naval Academy. The game was scheduled for January 13, 1943, in Fort Wayne.

An appropriate expression of sympathy was formulated and sent to the V. Rev. Joseph Marling, C.P.P.S., Provincial of the Precious Blood Fathers, on the occasion of the death of the Rev. Clement Falter, C.P.P.S.

## Five Early Alumni Celebrate Jubilee

Five clergyman alumni, all members of the Precious Blood Community, celebrated their ruby sacerdotal jubilee during December. Ordained in 1902, they are the Revs. Linus Stahl, Vigilius Krull, Theodosius Brackmann, Julian Mayer, and Vincent Muinch.

Father Stahl is a charter member of the St. Joe student body. He and Father Krull are retired from active duty and live at the Motherhouse, Carthagena, Ohio.

Father Brackmann is chaplain of the Precious Blood Convent, R. R. 2, Bellevue, Ohio; Father Mayer, pastor of St. Joseph's parish, Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Father Muinch, pastor of St. Peter's, R. R. 2, Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

Priests, students, and brothers, joined with the jubilarians in a fitting celebration at the Motherhouse, Dec. 17.

## Fr. Falter Army Chaplain Gives Life In North Africa

Sailing for Africa on the transport Joseph Hewes, the Rev. Clement Falter, C.P.P.S., was killed instantly Nov. 8, during landing operations at Fadahla (near Casa Blanca), North Africa. In one of the first boats to leave his ship, Father Falter was struck in an early salvo when the French garrison began a terrific bombardment as the boats neared the shore.

A letter from Bishop O'Hara, Military Delegate, relates that the fleet reached the African coast after dark, Saturday night, Nov. 7 and waited outside until early Sunday morning. At midnight all shore lights were suddenly extinguished, which made it evident to those on board that their presence had been detected. The unanticipated opposition came as the first landings were attempted before dawn.

Father Falter's body was reverently brought ashore, and an Army chaplain from one of the other ships conducted funeral services. Father Patrick Ryan, of the Archdiocese of St. Paul, is said to be the priest who officiated at the funeral. The grave in the Catholic cemetery at Fadahla, is marked for easy identification.

On board ship during the voyage Father Falter said Mass every evening for the men. In the words of Archbishop McNicho-

### Club House Fire Fatal to F. Yirga

That disastrous fire which razed the Nights of Columbus Hall in St. John, N. F., Dec. 12, claimed the life of Pfc. Frank M. Yirga, who spent the year 1937-38 at St. Joseph's. He was one of three American soldiers who died in the blaze.

Before his induction into the army in Oct. 1941, Yirga was employed in the office of the Martin Steel Products Co. of Mansfield, O. He had been at home at Easter time, shortly before he sailed for Newfoundland. When they received notice of his death his parents were preparing for a Christmas visit from him.

las, who preached the funeral sermon at Carthagena, "He was the inspiration of the boys on the ship. He was to them a real spiritual father, encouraging them, sustaining them, stimulating them to give themselves over to the consideration of the eternal welfare of their immortal souls."

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's on December 9; at Carthagena, the following morning. More than eighty priests attended each of these services. At the college members of the American Legion in uniform were present; at Carthagena military honors were given by a detail of soldiers from Ft. Hayes, Columbus, O., and the members of the American Legion, Coldwater Post, No. 470, under the direction of Chaplain Karl Wuest, C.P.P.S., attached to the 98th Division, Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

In November, 1941, Father Falter asked his superiors for leave of absence to serve as chaplain in the Army. He was commissioned First Lieutenant and in March, 1942, was assigned to the Signal Corps Replacement Training Center at Fort Monmouth, N. J. At the end of April he was assigned to Georgetown, Delaware, and sent with a combat team to the Delaware coast.

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### Carl J. Beckert, '16, Wins Army Rank

A consulting and manufacturing chemist in the Lembeck Laboratories, Chicago, Carl J. Beckert, '16, now has the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army. His address: 92 A. Inf., Div. H. Q., Fort McClellan, Ala.

## Former Prefect Is Recovering

A number of the faculty visited Father Rudolph Stoltz in St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne, during the Christmas recess. The long-time disciplinarian of the college underwent a serious operation there Dec. 7. A part of his stomach was removed.

Father Stoltz was sitting in his chair most of the day time but was still confined to his room. He was very cheerful, and optimistically looked forward to going back to his parish duties within a week or two. He is pastor of St. Mary's Church, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

## Cook Countiers At Dinner Date

Cook County alumni, with their wives and friends, gathered at the Vine Gardens, 614 North Ave., Chicago, Dec. 22, for a holiday dinner. The comradely group of twenty-four was increased by three members of the college faculty—Father Joseph B. Kenkel, president of the national alumni association, Father Boniface Dreiling, chaplain of the Cook County chapter, and Father S. H. Ley, past chaplain.

Father Kenkel, principal speaker after the delicious viands had been served, chose as his topic, "The Ideal St. Joe Alumnus." He is, in the mind of the eloquent orator, that man who, seeing more clearly through the years, embraces in his life the purpose to which St. Joseph's college is irrevocably dedicated.

There always will be a St. Joseph's College, Father Kenkel concluded, because of the ideals which she has espoused and because such a high percentage of her sons live up to these ideals.

Only after Mr. Bernard Lear had gone up and down the hill eight times in an amusing story he related, and every other one present had exhausted his or her supply of anecdotes was the group satisfied to conclude the pleasant evening enjoyed together.

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## A Good Shepherd

Among the first to land. That was the distinction of Chaplain Clement Falter when his ship, the Joseph Hewes, laden with soldiers—his boys, his sheep—anchored within sight of the African shore.

Instinctively one visualizes that painting of B. Plockhoerst, "The Good Shepherd," which illustrates so vividly those words of the Master: "He goeth before them and the sheep follow him." (St. John, X-4.)

Like his Master Chaplain Falter went before his sheep. On board the transport vessel, as Bishop O'Hara's letter records, his example drew the men after him. We quote: "There was a Catholic naval chaplain on board, the Rev. Francis J. Ballinger of the Archdiocese of Newark. The two became fast friends, and by the time they reached their destination they had done a world of good for the men on board. Father Ballinger had been given a room in which to reserve the Blessed Sacrament. Both priests and men made frequent visits throughout the day. The boys were very happy and very good on board; you would have thought that they were going on a picnic."

Some of them may need me out there. This must have been the thought of Chaplain Falter as he sprang into the first landing boat to be let down. Courage to be emulated, the men still on board crowded toward the rail to be the first to follow.

Silently the little bark sped toward shore beneath a darkened sky. Silently, yet detected. A burst of flame. The thunder of fire. A good shepherd, again like his Master, had given his life for his sheep.

All that was mortal of Chaplain Falter perished under that salvo. But his spirit, like the mantle of the prophet, dwells in the courageous hearts of his men, who will not, who cannot forget the indomitable courage of their shepherd. Transferred to Ft. Ord, Calif., last July, he at once plunged into the task before him. His report for that month read: "Never have I been made to feel more at home than I have here. It seems as though I have been in the outfit for months instead of days."

Those who might have forgotten the words of counsel given them by their leader will resist temptation when his tragic death recurs to them. Each such thought will be a preventing grace which will beget a prayer to make it efficacious.

Truly, then, when this good shepherd's soul sped to the eternal camp of heaven it had the Divine Master's password to assure welcome entrance: "I have come that they may have life, and may have it more abundantly."

## STUFF And SUCH

## PRAY FOR PEACE

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, after the Solemn High Mass at 8:30, half-hour periods of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed were conducted by the rectors of the different residence halls. Students of the different halls took turns until one o'clock praying before the Blessed Sacrament. The four hours of adoration and prayer for peace closed with Benediction at one o'clock.

## TWO MORE CHAPLAINS

Another St. Joe alumnus, the Rev. Harold Kuhns, C.P.P.S., '33, received his commission as First Lieutenant to serve as chaplain in the Army, during December. He reported Jan. 1 for his course of training at Harvard. Since his ordination in 1939 Father Kuhns has been assistant at St. Mark's parish, Cincinnati.

The Rev. Clayton Noll, C.P.P.S., honorary alumnus, a member of the Community Mission Band, has gone to the Naval Chaplains' Training School, Norfolk, Va. Fathers Norbert Missler, C.P.P.S., '33, and Ambrose Newton, C.P.P.S., '26, are at this same chaplains' school.

## ORDINATIONS

December 6 was ordination day at the Motherhouse of the Precious Blood Community. Twelve members of the class of '37 were raised to the Order of Deacon. The classes of '39 and '40 received Minor Orders.

## COLORED MISSION

Happy in his work for the negroes of Hamilton, Ohio, the Rev. Harold Diller, C.P.P.S., '28, writes enthusiastically: "The good that the Catholic faith can bring to the colored population of this city, and the good that has been made possible for them by the establishment of the Queen of Angels Mission is becoming more evident as times goes on."

## PREPARES NOVENA

Chaplain of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Milwaukee, Wisc., the Rev. Albert Gaulrapp, C.P.P.S., '23, has completed a Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

## IN THE ARMY

Twenty-two students were sworn into the Army Reserve Corps, Dec. 5. Five students were inducted during the Christmas recess and discontinued studies.

## LADIES OF SONG

A varied musical program by the "Ladies of Song," a troupe of vocalists who began their career on Broadway in the operetta, "The Student Prince," is one January entertainment on the local stage. Music by the world's greatest composers, Latin-American numbers, and folk songs and patriotic selections supplied the variety.

## HE CARRIES ON

Leonard Herriges, student cartoonist, is carrying on the precedent established last year by George Lundy, Jr., '42, in the campus weekly, *Stuff*. His drawings, faithfully reproduced by engraver Trost, are alone worth the extra buck for the more detailed coverage furnished by the student publication.

## CONDOLENCES

Anticipating your wishes, we quote from the many expressions of sympathy which friends of Father Falter have extended.

## From Bishop Noll of Fort Wayne—

"I shall remember Father Clement at the altar. Your gift to our country's cause brings honor to your Congregation. May it also become a powerful plea for an early peace."

## Bishop Ireton of Richmond, Va.—

"Priests of the diocese of Richmond join me in sincere sympathy to you and your Community in Father Falter's death in Africa. May his sacrifice for our country bring countless blessings on your Community."

## Bishop Connolly of San Francisco—

"May I express to you and to the members of your Community my heartfelt sympathy on the occasion of the heroic death of Father Clement Falter. I met him on the occasion of my last visit to Ft. Ord. We talked over old times at the University, and I received a first-hand report on the various members of the Society of the Precious Blood with whom I had become acquainted in Washington. I am sure Father Falter was well prepared to meet death unflinchingly and courageously, and that he set a high example for his officers and enlisted men in this respect. I shall offer the Holy Sacrifice for the eternal repose of his soul."

## Father Arand, S. S., of Catholic University—

"The Washington Star of Dec. 7, states that Father Clement Falter was killed in action on the African front. As he was a member of Divinity College, 1930-1931, our priests will remember him in their Masses and prayers, and we extend to you and your Community our sympathy."

## Mother M. Magna, C.P.P.S., Superior General—

"God accepted the sacrifice Father Clement so generously made and destined him to accompany an army not to victory but to the throne of His divine majesty to plead for victory. Let us trust that the shedding of Father Falter's blood will bring a special blessing not only upon our righteous cause, but also upon all our forces, and upon your Community. It is scarcely necessary for us to express our sympathy on this occasion, for you know only too well our high regard for the life and mission of Christ's anointed ones; yet we wish to assure you that the Sisters are offering their prayers in Father's behalf. May he rest in peace!"

## Fort Wayne Alumni Chapter—

"The Fort Wayne Chapter, Alumni of St. Joseph's College, extend to you as Provincial and to the Congregation of the Most Precious Blood sincere condolence in the tragic loss of Chaplain Clement M. Falter at Fedahla. We pray that the noble soul of Father Falter may now rest in the peace of God whom he has known, and loved, and served so faithfully in the years allotted to him."

"In the face of the cruel fact of his dying in the service of his country, we can only recall the heroic verse which came to us in the days of our Latin course at our Alma Mater: 'Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.'"

# Men Who Fight For Freedoms Report On Their Armed Duties

Lieut. Thomas Bugher, '40, Finance Officer, has been assigned to the 18th Replacement Wing, 2nd Airforce, Salt Lake City, Utah.

While at St. Joe, Lieut. Bugher was sports editor of **Stuff**. He also was originator of the Commerce Club.

Pvt. Andrew Stodola, '40, is with Co. A, 27th M.T.B., 3rd Platoon, 6 Med. Regt., Camp Grant.

At Atlantic City, N. J., is Pvt. Paul E. Myers, '41, of Rensselaer. (920th Sq., A.A.F.T.T.C. Flight E, A.S.N. 35566384.)

Pvt. John D. Sharp, '35, is located at Lebanon, Tenn. (ASN 36255956 Trn. Bn., Co. F, 336th Eng. Regt. (G.S.)

A Christmas greeting with only the name, Robert R. Runnion, and the address, USS Prairie State, 135th at North River, N. Y. City. Bob's the lad who soloed to Washington State one summer in a jalope, and soloed back on bread and jam to continue pre-engineering, later going to Purdue. What's he doing at North River? What's his rank?

Ralph Mueller, '42, of Coldwater, Ohio, who took pre-engineering at St. Joe, was sworn in as a Naval Air Cadet at Columbus some weeks ago. He is (or was then) waiting to be called to active training.

As a New Year resolution Pfc. Francis J. Koranda, '37, decided to write about himself. He got himself all married up to a Wisconsin gal last January, and in May following entered the Army. Slated for combat duty in the near future, he is still at the Cleveland Induction Center. Home address 3812 Archwood Ave.

Lieut. Joseph H. Gigandet, '34, sends a Christmas greeting from himself and Mrs. J.H.G. It came from Camp Tyson, Tenn. (317 CA (BBD). What's in a name, Lieutenant?

At Camp White, Oregon, is Pvt. Vito Valone, '42, 36616930, Co. A, 316th Engr. Bn. A.P.O. No. 91.

Great Lakes, Ill., Co. 1885, claims Thomas J. McDermott, '42.

A Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, John R. Gabel, '14, lives at 1605 New Hampshire Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Acting secretary of the Cook County Alumni, Mr. B. B. Lear, sends in the names of two more Chicago men who are in service. They are Robert Picard, '25, and Harold Judy, '35. Both are in

the Army.

Last year's star basket-ball player is now Pvt. Maurice Guigsell, 784 Sch. Sq. AAFTS, Bks. 362, Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Neb.

That huge man with the big heart, Dewey G. Curby, '17, became a Private in the Infantry more than two months ago. (Co. B, 64 Inf. Tng. Bn., Camp Walters, Texas.)

Recently transferred, Cpl. Edward C. Baltz, '38, is at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Overseas somewhere is Michael W. Altepeter, '34, Pvt. 36307271, Det. M. D., 21st Gen. Hosp., A.P.O. 3309, c/o Postmaster, N. Y. City.

Cpl. Joseph F. Young, '40, is in the Med. Det., 7th S. C. Disp. Building 307, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Pfc. Harold F. Gerber, '39, 35289219, H.Q. Co., 401st Glider Inf., 101st Airb. Div., Fort Bragg, N. Carolina.

Transferred since last month, Cpl. Norbert Gerlach, '27, now is reached at ASN 35405798, A.P.O. 635, c/o Postmaster, N. Y. City. Somewhere in England, he's a supply man in the Army Air Corps.

In the Medical Detachment is Pvt. Joseph A. Toth, '42, at Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Fla.

A last-year man, Pvt. Leo Gogerty is in the 620 Tech. School, Squad Flight B, 1465, Madison, Wisc.

A grad of '42, Mid. James V. Lavelle is reached at U.S.N.R. M.S., Notre Dame, Ind., Room 330, Morrissey Hall.

Both Reed boys from Terre Haute are in the service: William J. Reed, '41, 355652, 876 A/C Bn., AOW US Engineers, Camp Clairborne, La.; Robert E. Reed, '41, Flight C, 31st Sqd., TSS (SS) U.S. Air Corps, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

## Paul A. Weaver Moves to Toledo

The proud father of a five-months-old daughter, Alice Ann, Mr. Paul A. Weaver, '38, has transferred from Saginaw, Mich., to Toledo, Ohio, where he is employed as cost accountant by the Aviation Products Division of Electric Auto-Lite Co. Home address, for all those who will offer congratulations, is 1131 St. Johns St.

Congratulations from the editor.

## Dieruf Waits Call Organizes Helps For Enlistees

Four months after entering service Wm. C. Dieruf, '42, was made a sergeant. He's the man about whom we told you last month that he became a corporal after thirty-nine days.

Still at Camp Breckenridge on Dec. 8, Sergt. Dieruf has been conducting a supplementary training course which he himself planned for new replacements in the company. These raw recruits voluntarily come in for two hours of classroom lecture and field drill every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

With all his papers in order for Officers Training School in the Army Air Corps Adm., Sergt. Dieruf only awaits the word to move.

## HONOR MAN



THOS. J. CASSADAY, JR.

GREAT LAKES, ILL.—Thomas J. Cassady, Jr., of 221 S. Harrison Ave., Kankakee, Ill., has been graduated from recruit training as honor man of his company at the U. S. Naval Training Station here. Through a series of aptitude tests given the 130 men of his company, he has been selected to attend one of the Navy's Service Schools. While at St. Joseph's, '38-'40, he was a member of the Student Council.

## Technician In Army

Technician 5th Grade in the Army. That's the status of T/5 Robert Sneider down at Ft. Jackson, So. Carolina. (A.S.N. 16100 954, 514th Ord. H. M. Co., A.P.O. No. 312.)

## THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

Six of the seventeen games on our basketball schedule at the present time have been played. After suffering a defeat in the opener against Chicago Teachers, 25-29, the Pumas rallied to win the next four. They defeated St. Norbert's, 55-42 on Dec. 7, and Illinois Wesleyan, 41-32, Dec. 10, both on the home floor. Then they invaded the Loyola University court, Dec. 15, to carry away the honors, 33-30. This concluded the pre-Christmas schedule.

We were hosts to Illinois Normal, Jan. 9, and sent them home with a 51-48 lacing. The Pumas led throughout the first half; in the second, Normal tied the score four times but never forged ahead. It was exciting enough to develop a pair of sore tonsils.

Under the sponsoring of the local alumni, we met Great Lakes Naval Academy in Fort Wayne, Jan. 13, and lost to them by our worst score, 60-31.

As previously announced the remaining games during January are as follows: Jan. 20, Valparaiso U., there; Jan. 23, Chicago Teachers, here.

During February we have the following schedule: Feb. 1, Great Lakes, there; Feb. 5, Wabash, there; Feb. 8, Indiana State, there; Feb. 11, Valparaiso U., here; Feb. 13 (tentative) Loras College, there; Feb. 17, Earlham, there.

Three later games are scheduled, but it is safer not to announce the date as these may be changed or there may be cancellations or additions. The next issue of **Contact** will give the complete schedule.

## Father Henry Martin Back at Typewriter

Feeling better than ever, Father Henry Martin was punching the sports-publicity typewriter and conducting his science classes at the first bell when classes resumed after the Christmas holidays.

Father Martin submitted to an appendectomy, Dec. 12, in the Rensselaer City Hospital.

## WINS WINGS



ROBT. E. CASHMAN

Inducted in the service as a flying cadet Jan. 8, 1942, Robert E. Cashman, '41, wears the silver wings in the Army Air Forces since early December. He is a Second Lieutenant. The young flyer is a co-pilot in the trans-Atlantic section of the Air Transport Command. He is at the Bolling Field, D. C., Army Air Base. (Army Air Forces Photo.)

## -More About- Father Falter

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Late in July he was assigned to the troops at Ft. Ord, Calif., with whom he was to go overseas. They were transferred to Camp Pickett, Va., in early fall, and late in October embarked for overseas duty.

Many telegrams and letters have come to the college and to the seminary expressing the condolence of bishops, priests, religious, and laymen who knew and respected Father Falter.

Msgr. Arnold writes: "They were on their way to the front. After the introductions, Father Falter said, 'I'm from St. Joseph's.' Immediately we felt at home with each other and expressed our happiness over the bond between us."

"I rejoiced to think that St. Joseph's was represented in that task force which was destined to cover itself with glory. As the chaplains left, Father Falter lingered behind and asked for my blessing. I never forgot his sincerity, earnestness, and simple piety. A noble, worthy son of St. Joseph's. May his soul rest in peace and may be obtained for those of us left behind the faith and courage to follow his example."

## Printer Trains For Dentistry

At St. Joe from '25 to '28, Howard M. Steckbeck was later employed as a printer for the Ft Wayne **News-Sentinel**. April 13, 1942, he was inducted into the army.

A course in dental work in the Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., was the assignment. Now Pvt. Steckbeck is at Station Hospital, Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga.

## China Missionary Finds New Converts

Not all the converts are from South China, Father George Bauer, '19, M. M., has discovered since he returned from the mission territory there on the exchange ship Gripsholm sometime after the outbreak of hostilities with Japan.

Now that he has had a vacation and a medical check up (he became very ill while interned in Hongkong), he is helping in parish work pending the end of hostilities, when he will again go back to China.

Located at Rock Springs, Wyo. (P. O. Box 254), Father Bauer assisted at the mission of Superior thirty miles distant on Christmas day. "One Mormon family started instructions," he jubilantly remarked in a personal letter.

## Kreilein to Become Aircraft Mechanic

At the New England Aircraft School, Pvt. Eugene B. Kreilein, '41, is in training to become an Aircraft Mechanic. He expects to be graduated some time in April.

Pvt. Kreilein feels that since he entered the service he has received a number of breaks, and he considers his school the best in the East. (New England Aircraft School, 20 Overland St., Boston, Mass.)

Thanks to St. Joe, concludes the young Private, he "goes to Communion every Sunday and to church more than twice a week."

## Furst Made Ensign

A one-year man of '36-'37, Louis K. Furst is in the lighter-than-air branch of the Navy, having enlisted June 23, 1941. In January, 1942, he received his commission as Ensign. (Airship Patrol Squadron 32, Moffett Field, Calif.)

## William Peitz At Valley Forge

Graduating last May, A/C William Peitz was inducted into the armed service in August, going to Scott Field, Ill. At Christmas time he was transferred to Valley Forge Military Academy, a member of Squadron 1, Room 206, P. O. Box 500, Wayne, Penna.

## Letters from Atar

A V-mail letter reached Father Kenkel at Christmas tide from Father F. A. Evans congratulating him as the new president of the Alumni Association. The letter was dated Nov. 30.

"CONTACT has invaded this beautiful island of the southwest Pacific and was read with much interest. Keep them coming to the new address.

"Morale of the men is high: We eat well and sleep a plenty."

Sincerely yours,  
Capt. F. A. Evans,  
Div. H. Q. A. P. O. 37,  
Care Postmaster,  
San Francisco Calif.

## CAMP CROWDER MO.

CONTACT is still coming through in good shape.

I was inducted to the service Oct. 31, and sent to Miami Beach, Florida, to receive my basic training. Although I am at a Signal Corps camp now, I am in the ground crew of the Air Force. I was sent here after five weeks of basic training to receive schooling. I have been assigned to supply clerks school, which will last for seven weeks. Upon completion of it I will be sent back to some Air base.

I am enclosing my address with the hope that I'll receive a few letters from some of my old classmates, and other alumni.

Respectfully yours,  
Pvt. John Singletary,  
Co. D, 35th S. C. R. T. C.

## LOWRY FIELD, COLO.

I graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1938 and was a freshman in the college during the following year. It's been some time since I heard from ole St. Joe.

At present I'm studying Aircraft Armament and hope to receive my commission shortly and then be sent overseas.

Yours truly,  
A/C Francis J. Grew,  
Aviation Cadet Det.,  
Lowry Field, Colo.

## STAR END



LIEUT. O. F. THUERK

Graduating from St. Joseph's in June, 1941, Owen F. Thuerk of 948 N. Lorel Ave., Chicago, that summer joined the Detroit Lions professional football club where he was a star end. At the close of the season he entered the Army in January, '42. He received his commission on graduation from the Air Forces Administrative Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla., this within ten months after entering the Army. Lieutenant Thuerk has been appointed assistant base physical training officer at Daniel Field, Augusta, Ga. In his sophomore and senior years at St. Joe he was named all-state end; in his junior and senior years, all-conference end.

## MADISON, WISC.

Dear Editor:

I have been in the Army Air Force since Sept. 22. My basic training was completed at Atlantic City, N. J.

Dec. 9 I was transferred to Truax Field. I am learning Radio Mechanics.

I enjoy every line of CONTACT and would like to receive it every month.

Say hello to all the priests at St. Joe for me.

Respectfully yours,  
Albert W. Moran, '40.  
620th T. S. S. (Sp.)  
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Truax Field,  
Madison, Wisc.